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COURT DECIDES AGAINST MOTHER

NOT ENTITLED, UNDER LAW, TO MINOR SON'S ESTATE.

CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE TO GET POSSESSION OF PROPERTY.

Madison, Nov. 25.

When a father bequeaths his estate to a son by his second wife and the son, if still unmarried dies before he becomes of age, the mother will not become the beneficiary but the children by the first wife or their heirs.

This was decided yesterday by Judge Zimmerman of the county court in the controversy over the estate of Albert Irwin Bowker, a minor. The boy's father, Albert Bowker, died in 1891 leaving all his estate to him but giving his wife the life use of the property. Mr. Bowker made no provision for his children by his first wife, as they had left home. Young Bowker died February 14 last and the question arose whether or not the mother is entitled to the estate. Had the boy been of age at the time of his death and still unmarried his mother would have fallen heir to the property.

It is understood that this is the first case of its kind decided in Wisconsin and it will probably be taken to the supreme court for final determination.

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